AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-13 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A machine ~~for the production and/or treatment of~~that produces and/or treats at least one of a web ~~or~~and sheet material ~~(20; 120; 220; 320), in particular paper or board, characterized in that~~ comprising:

a fuel cell;

wherein the machine is connected to ~~at least one associated~~the fuel cell ~~unit (26; 126; 226; 326) in such a way~~such that thermal energy produced by the fuel cell ~~unit (26; 126; 226; 326) can be~~is supplied to the machine as operating energy.

2. (Currently amended) The machine ~~as claimed in~~of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one heating section ~~(10; 110; 210; 310)~~ of the machine~~, which is designed to heat or be heated during an operating state of the machine, can be~~ is supplied with thermal energy produced by the fuel cell ~~unit (26; 126; 226; 326)~~ as operating energy.

3. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in~~of claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein waste air discharged by the fuel cell ~~unit (26; 126; 226; 326) can be~~is supplied to the at least one heating section ~~(10; 110; 210; 310)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~of claim 3; wherein the at least one heating section ~~(10) or at least one of the heating sections (10)~~ comprises a drying device ~~(10)~~, through which one of the web ~~or~~and the sheet material ~~(20) can be~~is at least one of guided ~~and/or~~and along which the one of the web ~~or~~and sheet material ~~(20)~~ can be guided, the drying device ~~(10)~~ comprising at least one heatable drying cylinder ~~(12)~~ on which the one of the web ~~or~~and the sheet material ~~(20)~~ can be one of guided directly ~~or~~and resting on a dryer felt ~~(16)~~ running on the drying cylinder ~~(12)~~, ~~it~~

~~being possible for~~and wherein thermal energy produced by the fuel cell ~~unit (26) to be~~is supplied to the drying cylinder ~~(12)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in~~of claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the waste air discharged by the fuel cell ~~unit (26)~~ flows through at least one of the at least one drying cylinder ~~(12) and/or in that~~and a fluid, to which thermal energy produced by the fuel cell ~~unit (26), in particular~~in the form of the waste air discharged by the fuel cell ~~unit (26)~~, is~~can be~~ supplied, flows through the drying cylinder ~~(12)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized by~~of claim 1, further comprising a hot gas drying device ~~(100; 300)~~ through which the at least one of the web ~~or~~and the sheet material ~~(120; 320) can be~~is at least one of guided ~~and/or~~and along which the web or the sheet material ~~(120; 320)~~ can be guided, the hot gas drying device ~~(100; 300)~~ operating on the basis of a drying gas ~~which can be~~that is applied to the web or the sheet material ~~(120; 320)~~, ~~it being possible for~~ the drying gas ~~to be~~ provided on the basis of thermal energy discharged by the fuel cell ~~unit (126; 326)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in~~of claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein waste air discharged by the fuel cell ~~unit (126; 326) can be~~ is combined with gas provided by a gas supply, in order to provide the drying gas.

8. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in either of claims 6 and 7, characterized in that~~of claim 7, wherein the waste air discharged by the fuel cell ~~unit (126; 326) can be~~is supplied to a heat exchanger ~~(152; 352)~~, ~~which is~~is the heat exchanger designed to heat gas provided by a gas supply and ~~therefore to~~ provide ~~it~~the heated gas as the drying gas.

9. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in one of claims 6 to 8, characterized in that~~of claim 7, wherein the waste air discharged by the fuel cell ~~unit (126; 326) can be~~is supplied to the hot gas drying device ~~(100; 300)~~ as drying gas.

10. (Currently Amended) The machine ~~as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ of claim 1, wherein the fuel cell ~~unit (26; 126; 226; 326)~~ is arranged in at least one of the vicinity of~~, preferably~~ and at a distance of less than approximately 100 meters from~~,~~ the at least one heating section ~~(10; 100; 200; 300)~~ of the machine.

11. (Cancelled) A combination of a machine as claimed in one of the preceding claims with the associated fuel cell unit (26; 126; 226; 326).

12. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~the production and/or treatment, in particular for the~~at least one of heating ~~and/or~~and drying, of a web ~~or~~and a sheet material by using a machine, ~~in particular a machine as claimed in one of claims 1 to 11, in which~~comprising the step of supplying the machine ~~is supplied~~ with thermal energy produced by a fuel cell ~~unit~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The method ~~as claimed in~~of claim 12, in which the machine is further supplied with electrical energy produced by ~~a~~the fuel cell ~~unit~~.